

relevance of non-violence. Part of the testing of the system also involved the validity of possibilities of democratic change in the present American political system, and the continued many people saw the Freedom Summer as a final testing time for two important matters: the

Mostly we talked about SNCC and the people we admired and loved. We knew that possibility, but afraid for the very life of the Movement.

afraid, not just afraid for our own lives, for we tried to talk of death and tried to accept that the bitterness and fear and tension were building so steadily in SNCC, that we were now Mississippi was increasing so rapidly, the failure of the federal government was so manifest, Freedom Summer would soon start. We had all helped plan this. But the violence white life and death, of love and hate, of fear and peace, of violence and nonviolence. The no longer were sure we believed the same things but we knew we wanted to. We talked of